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Workers and students cope with record amounts of snow

BY SEAN BROWN HATCHET REPORTER

The Blizzard of '96 hit Washington, D.C., while most students were still relaxing in the comfort of their homes, but the storm affected GW operations and the lives of students who arrived early - or at least attempted to arrive early.

The blizzard blew into the District on Saturday, Jan. 6, and by the time the last flake fell last Friday morning, more than 24 inches of snow had accumulated. Neither the city nor the University anticipated such a sizable storm. but school officials said they reacted as well as could be expected.

Facilities crews worked around the clock to keep the University grounds passable. According to Director of Facilities Management Walter Gray, about 100 people worked each day and 50 worked the night shift. One crew arrived Saturday when the snow began and was stranded until Wednesday morning. They worked their shifts

and then rested wherever they could find a place to lie down.

The Facilities Management Department tried to keep up with the ever-increasing amounts of snow, but their four 4x4 trucks equipped with plows were no match for the streets around campus. That job would be left to the District, Gray said. The University hired an independent contractor to clear away the huge piles of snow that accumulated around the campus intersections.

Concentrating its resources on clearing the sidewalks, the University purchased four new snow blowers, bringing its total up to six. More than 50 tons of salt were also used to make the sidewalks less dangerous for pedestri-

"The magnitude of this ... you can't comprehend until you've really been involved. The snow we've had in the last year or two was nothing compared to what we have now," Gray said.

The Facilities Management Department was not the only one on campus burdened with extra work because of the storm. Many residence halls were opened to give snowed-in workers a place to sleep.

Thurston Hall hosted between ten and twelve people each night from departments around campus. Facilities management, the hospital, and University Police all had some workers spend the night in Thurston.

"We brought cots out that we have for when students have guests over and set them up in the study lounges," Thurston Hall Director Resident Savolskis said. "We did put a couple of people up in completely vacant rooms, rooms where everyone had moved out. But we did not put anybody in any rooms where students were living."

Savolskis, like many others, was on campus when the storm hit and one of the first problems he faced was a food shortage.

"I just took what I had, figured out how to stretch it until I thought we could get out, and then I went to the market," Savolskis said.

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photo by Dave Fintzen Residents and staff shoveled out last week as the Blizzard of '96 left more than 24 inches of snow in the District.

Colonials roll to 8 up, 3 down Arrival of Shawnta Rogers energizes GW for 6 straight wins

BY JIM GERAGHTY SPORTS EDITOR

After exams, most students left campus and returned to their homes for winter break. The GW men's basketball team, however, still had considerable Work to do, digging into the meat of their schedule and

beginning Atlantic 10 conference play. GW fans return to find their team 8-3 and undefeated in the A-10. A team with youth and multinational diversity appears to have hit its stride and is beginning to gain national respect with its best start since the team went 10-1 in 1992-93.

GW will look to rebound from its recent loss to the niversity of Missouri Tigers at Roanoke, Va., Monday night when it takes on the No. 15-ranked Virginia Tech Hokies. The game will be televised at 9:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

Missouri 92, GW 77

The Colonials brought a six-game winning streak into the Hearnes Center in Columbia, Mo., for a nationally televised game on ABC against the Tigers. GW was in the spotlight again, where it is known for great upsets.

coach Mike Jarvis' crew rose to the occasion the first half, leading with shots by forward Yegor shots. Mescheriakov (18 points) and three-pointers from

guard Kwame Evans (21 points). Each team demonstrated a weakness, as the Colonials were outrebounded 23-8 at one point, but took advantage of Missouri's 13 turnovers

GW shot six for eight from three-point range, and fought the Tigers to a standstill at the half, 41-41.

Foul trouble doomed the Colonials' efforts in the second half, however. Ferdinand Williams picked up four fouls in the first half, essentially taking him out of the game, and Evans and Alexander Koul both reached that point early in the second half. Koul, one of the team's most reliable inside shooters, shot an ineffectual 38 percent from the field.

In a game when they needed some breaks, the Colonials were cursed with rim shots, in-and-out shots, and questionable calls. The GW defense, one of Jarvis' recent concerns, was unable to shut down Kelly Thames (24 points) and Jason Sutherland (28 points).

The GW offense dried up when the team needed it the most, until Evans hit a three to bring the Colonials within nine, 77-68. Up to that point, GW had missed six straight three point attempts. Vaughn Jones was virtually absent for most of the game, but finished with eight points.

Despite notable efforts by Mescheriakov and the newest Colonial, Shawnta Rogers, the GW rally fell short, and the ligers protected their lead with foul

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Extra SA effort puts book exchange in gear

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM NEWS EDITOR

All plans are go for the second annual Student Association book exchange, project co-coordinator David Petron said.

The exchange will be held Jan. 16-19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in room 405 of the Marvin Center.

The SA is also organizing a book shopping trip to area bookstores to give students a potentially less expensive alternative to the GW Bookstore.

Despite conflicts with the Bookstore over obtaining a copy of the master book list, Petron said he and co-coordinator Jodi Reborchick have finished compiling their own book list after spending more than 100 hours on

"This year on the second time around, we've been able to be a lot more organized and we're expecting a great success from the book exchange," Petron said.

Last year, the SA exchanged more than \$12,500 worth of books for cash, and Petron said he expects an even bigger profit for students this year. The GW Bookstore said last year after the exchange that the SA's efforts did not dramatically affect its busi-

The SA tried to obtain a copy of the Bookstore's master list of books in December, but the Bookstore would not release the list, citing "contractual reasons." GW's Department of Auxiliary and Support Services, in charge of all University contracts, said releasing the list would violate the Bookstore's exclusive contract with the University.

In addition to the exchange, Petron said the SA is sponsoring a book shopping trip" to area stores in an effort to help students look for alternative places to buy their books.

"It's mostly an effort to encour-

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Marshall plan remembered

GW symposium discusses European rebuilding

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM

Foreign policy experts and diplomats from all over the world converged on the District last week to attend a GW symposium commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, the landmark diplomatic initiative that helped rebuild Europe after World War II.

The four-day event, "The Marshall Legacy Symposium: Partnerships for the Future," was co-sponsored by GW's Elliott School of International Affairs, The White House and the Department of Defense.

The official commemoration of the Marshall Plan will be held June 5, 1997, 50 years after the plan was implemented.

GW's Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman called the symposium "a complete success." He said speeches by top government officials highlighted the important issues covered in the conference.

Among the speakers were National Security Advisor Anthony Lake, Defense Secretary William Perry, U.S. Ambassador to NATO Robert Hunter, former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger and Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. William Owens.

More than 100 ESIA students attended the event, in addition to ambassadors from countries par-

Peace program and other NATO countries and congressional leaders, Freedman said.

In addition, the seminar included talks by military and civilian leaders from several nations, elected and appointed U.S. officials, state governors and leaders from the U.S. military and private sector.

ticipating in the Partnership for The symposium included workshops and seminars where officials from the United States and other countries met with officials from former Soviet republics to discuss current issues in U.S. foreign policy, U.S. programs to encourage democratic civil-military relations abroad and possible future programs to encourage global peace.

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The budget fiasco

The never-ending federal budget crisis already figures to be the featured issue of the 1996 elections, even though voters will not cast their ballots for another 10 months. The reason is simple enough – politicians do not seem to want it any other way.

Republicans and Democrats are both so blinded by sanctimony that many, including Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), do not expect the budget crisis to be solved before the elections. Therein lies the endgame. Both parties expect the nation to take their side and blame the opponent for the impasse.

Never mind that several hundred thousand federal workers are pawns of the federal budget games being played on Capitol Hill. Never mind that the enormous welfare programs – the main sticking point in this fiscal year's two federal government shutdowns – are in complete legislative limbo. And never mind that another shutdown threatens to occur on Jan. 26.

Both sides swear their obstinance is motivated by a desire for sweeping and fundamental change. But key players in the crisis are spouting the oldest political game in the book – partisanship. House Majority Whip Tom Delay (R-Texas) is convinced that the House can alienate other branches of government and operate on its own "Contract With America" themes. Rep. John Kasich (R-Ohio), Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) and Gingrich have all thumbed their noses at the Democratic White House. President Clinton, mistaking the unpopularity of Congress for a vote in his favor, has stonewalled everyone while keeping his eyes on the polls.

These politicians all realize that Americans are in favor of a balanced budget. But both sides insist on making it an election issue before its time, going so far as to take time off from their jobs to campaign. Unless they agree on a budget plan once and for all and do it soon, the election issue will be their own lack of progress.

Snow job

You can't take a firm stance on snow. You can't blame the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. You can't demand it to stop its outrageous behavior immediately. All you can do is live with it.

And how did the GW community live with it after being hit by an unheard-of 24 inches last week? All things considered, not too badly. Sure, there was a fist fight over bread at the Watergate Safeway, but the recordbreaking storm produced more highlights than lowlights.

The vast majority of GW students were not forced to view the storm with a campus-eye view. Had they, there likely would have been a far greater appreciation for employees of the University's Facilities Management Department. Approximately 150 people worked around the clock clearing University grounds, some sleeping in Thurston Hall. They deposited more than 50 tons of salt on snowy and icy sidewalks. One snowplow driver working near campus made national news by giving a snowbound driver a ride to the GW Medical Center.

Lest students complain about the still-present mess, we should keep in mind the rest of D.C. – more than half of streets remain unplowed and Mayor Marion Barry came under fire for having his driveway and street plowed before others.

Compared to the rest of the District's streets, GW coped well. Thanks to GW employees' efforts, campus grounds are surprisingly clear and that snowbound driver is now the mother of a healthy baby.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

History lesson

I would like to retort to Erik Schelzig's article in the Dec. 7 GW Hatchet concerning Pearl Harbor ("The Pearl Harbor Day double standard continues in America," p. 4). Mr. Schelzig's article is full of misinformation and outrageous propositions that must be pointed out.

To begin with, in the first paragraph of the article, Mr. Schelzig writes, "Today is Pearl Harbor Day (unless you are George Bush, in which case it was yesterday)." This comment is erroneous. At the 50th anniversary ceremony of the Pearl Harbor attack in Honolulu on Dec. 7, 1991, President Bush made the mistake of saying in his speech the attack took place on Sept. 7, 1941, not on Dec. 6, as Mr. Schelzig writes.

Second, the author goes on to write later in the article, "The Japanese way of war ... demanded extreme courage. More courage ... than flying a B-52 over Hiroshima and Nagasaki." This comment is especially interesting since the United States did not start production of the B-52 until the mid-to-late 1950s. The United States used the B-29 model aircraft to drop the atomic bombs over Japan.

And in fact this did take enormous courage. The B-29 pilots who dropped the bomb over Nagasaki were faced with inclement weather conditions on Aug. 9, 1945, which nearly forced them to abandon their mission and attempt to fly back to Okinawa with the payload still in the aircraft.

If they tried to do this, the weight of the bomb would have caused them to run out of fuel and they would have had to ditch the aircraft in the Pacific Ocean. Luckily the skies opened up for just enough time to get the bomb away. These men were under unthinkable pressure, and their

heroism helped end Japanese imperialism in the Pacific.

Apart from the misinformation presented in this article, Mr. Schelzig makes reckless propositions that are extremely insulting to all those who fought imperial Japan during World War II and their families. The author writes, "The bad news is that we can't seem to get over Pearl Harbor and feel we have to whine about it a lot." Americans were killed at Pearl Harbor without any prior warning or provocation. Japan undertook a sneak attack on a state they were not at war with in order to secure their brutal hegemony in East Asia. It is disgusting anyone would propose Americans should not "whine" about the indiscriminate death of friends and family members. They should be able to "whine" as long as they

But fortunately, the United States did not simply whine about Pearl Harbor. It decisively defeated Japan and liberated the Pacific.

Finally, Mr. Schelzig claims, "The fighter and torpedo plane pilots who flew the Pearl Harbor mission were courageous." How tragic is it in this day and age that "intelligent" college students would actually believe the Pearl Harbor attack was "courageous." Midshipmen on the U.S.S. Arizona would be outraged.

There is absolutely nothing courageous about subjugating foreign people to a ruthless regime. There is absolutely nothing courageous about slaughtering and raping innocent Malayans for their oil. And there is certainly nothing courageous about flying bombing raids over a peaceful Pacific island when the victims do not even know you are coming. Thank God the United States had the resolve to bring down Tojo and imperial Japan.

Revisionism is dangerous. Mr. Schelzig should read up more on the causes of World War II and not listen to those who wish to taint the annals of history. It is a sad commentary on the young people of this country when a history major at a distinguished university such as GW cannot even get his facts straight.

- Dave Hooper, junior

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Pizza pilfers

In reference to the policies instituted by Domino's Pizza, as noted by the Dec. 7 GW Hatchet article ("Domino's slaps GW with new surcharge," front page), six of its biggest customers have a gripe to note.

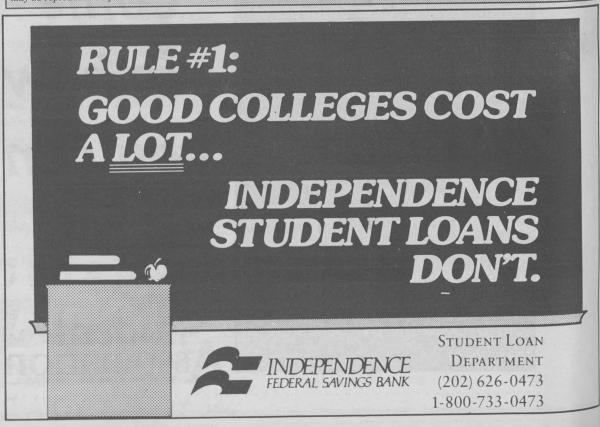
What in the world do the people at Domino's think that they are doing, when they decide to institute an 18 percent sales increase on orders based on meal plans?

We, the right wing of Everglades Hall's third floor, are severely disgruntled by this attack against such a large segment of its business market. We are sure that if Domino's Pizza measured its sales during its evening hours, and the percentage of those sales to GW, it would realize how important this market is to them. Domino's may recognize cost increase could hurt its clientele.

This University takes pride in the fact that we order more pizza from Domino's than any other university in the United States. Don't punish us for that with your greed and insensitivity. Please don't force us to resort to drastic measures, such as taking our business to Pizza Hut, Cappuccino's and Bertucci's.

 Michael Brown, Josh Samson, Ben Crosby, Mark Silverman, Chris Sterling and Ian Catlett

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GW to honor Robinson as more than a player

Almost 50 years after Jackie Robinson broke professional baseball's color barrier to become both the first black man in the major leagues and one of the greatest players to take the field, a \$5,000 grant to GW's sociology department will bring Robinson's life and legacy to District residents.

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GW to speak of Robinson's influence on American society.

Robinson, who once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives," will be discussed beyond the context of a baseball icon. He will be seen as a champion of human dignity and civil rights.

Richard Zamoff, adjunct professor of sociology at GW, will head the project. Endorsed by Mrs. Rachel Robinson, Jackie's widow and chair of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, the commemorative series will honor a man who helped changed the course of American society.

- Lee Rumbarger

NCCS goes high tech with new computers

The National Center for Communication Studies has established a firm foothold in the information superhighway with a new multimedia computer laboratory that opened Dec. 12.

AT&T's University Equipment Donation Program financed \$100,000 worth of computer equipment for the lab, including twenty terminals, a laser printer, modem, network server and networking software for coursework and research.

Students and faculty may now access news wires such as the Associated Press and Reuters and search the World Wide Web, and professors may reach their students via classroom computer networks.

"The network is outfitted with

the latest tools," NCCS External Relations Coordinator Loretta Hardge said. "The old lab was strictly a word processing center. AT&T's contribution will move the journalism program into the online era."

The computer lab, located on the fourth floor of Phillips Hall, will be used mostly for journalism classes.

The grand opening of the computer lab was attended by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, who accepted the gift from AT&T. NCCS Director Jarol Manheim gave a demonstration on how students will use the new computers.

- Lee Rumbarger and Kevin Eckstrom

GW staff raises \$16,000 for scholarship

The holiday spirit of GW faculty and staff will soon help make the education of a GW undergraduate from the District of Columbia much more affordable.

Established by GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg in 1991, the GW Faculty/Staff D.C. Scholarship Fund is a compilation of gifts and payroll pledges from faculty and staff during the holidays. Trachtenberg promised to match the donations of the GW community with University funds if they met his challenged goal of \$12,500. Faculty, staff and other donors raised \$16,571 by November 1995.

"This scholarship exemplifies the willingness of the University family to give something back to the community from which we derive our livelihood," Trachtenberg said in a statement.

In future years, the number of District students awarded and the amount of individual grants will depend on the growth of the fund.

Through other programs, GW has offered financial aid to students from the District totaling more than \$5 million.

- Lee Rumbarger

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Bosstones prove a mighty good time at new 9:30 Club

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

hankfully, ska has never really become a household name like grunge, punk, or techno, but it continues to be one of the most progressive and inventive types of music.

The masters of Ska-core, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, braved the snow Thursday evening and made a return to Washington to help inaugurate the first month of the brand new location of the 9:30 Club.

The new 9:30, at 815 V St. N.W., in the building formerly known as WUST Radio Music Hall, is a grand departure from the dismal days of WUST. Remodeled with blue and green walls, three bars and a great sound system, one can hardly recognize the place.

The eight members of the Bosstones were free to move around on the stage, whereas at the old 9:30 location they would have been extraordinarily cramped. There are a few things about the F Street location anyone would miss: the intimacy (at 300 people compared to the new 1,100 capacity), the basement-like dankness and the history of great shows (such as Black Flag, Minor Threat, as well as REM, the Violent Femmes and Nirvana).

The new 9:30, however, lacks the smell, bad

acoustics, and less-than-terrific view of the stage. In fact, at the new location, one can pretty much see the stage from any given point. Acoustics are a dramatic improvement, and now they even serve food (I highly recommend the Frito Pie). The new location will probably attract bigger names, guaranteeing a healthy future. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones showed that the venue will be more accommodating for audiences.

Playing for nearly 80 minutes, the Bosstones' set was fun and energetic. They emphasized the "old school," playing such Bosstones classics as "Devil's Night Out,"

"They Came to Boston," and "Where'd You Go?"

At times the Bosstones' up-tempo maelstrom of noise was held together only by bass virtuoso Joe Gittleman and growling front-man Dicky Barrett, but at other times the combination of drums, horns and guitar were tight. The Bosstones are truly a fine band, but they reminded their fans that music should be fun, spontaneous, and most of all, enjoyable.

Opening band Springheel Jack also performed in the tradition of the Bosstones' ska-influenced rock while H20, the second band, resembled more of Rancid's fast-paced delirium. All in all, the new 9:30 Club must be seen, acknowledged and hopefully accepted as a welcome change by audiences and per-



The stage at the new 9:30 Club provided plenty of room for the eight members of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones to jam.

Save your sight and your money on Eye for an Eye

Sweet Sally Field makes for unlikely killer in unmotivated, unemotional tale of urban revenge

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI ARTS EDITOR

ven if the film's trailer leaves vou with the false impression ■that Eye for an Eye is a good movie, one doubt remains:

Forrest Gump's mother a vigilante?

Sally Field plays Karen McCann, a mother driven by thoughts of revenge when the man who raped and murdered her daughter goes free. Although the characters differ greatly, Field should have taken a cue from her kinder, gentler role as Mrs. Gump to bring some compassion to her latest character.

Field and the rest of the cast go through the motions of the story with little motivation or emotion. The audience sits bewildered as the film plays out, without understanding why things are happening, or more importantly, caring.

The movie does make a relevant commentary on the troubles of the criminal justice system in this country: proven criminals being released on technicalities in court, early parole to ease the overcrowding in jails and the lack of reform programs to curb repeat offenders. Karen's support group, for families who have lost loved ones to violent crime, decries the inability of the police and courts to reduce crime.

Karen undergoes an epiphany at the support group meeting, amidst the families complaining about the lack of justice. The audience is supposed to believe the realization that the system can't help her leads Karen to want to personally make the murderer Robert Doob (Kiefer Sutherland) pay for what he has done. Unfortunately, the script has not

drawn her as a particularly meanspirited or vengeful person up to this point in the film to make her transition to a killing machine believable.

It also is not especially clear that Karen is really affected by the loss of her daughter Julie. The development of the relationship between the two is fleeting - the girl is killed within the first ten minutes of the film. At the wake, when she is supposed to be mourning, Karen inexplicably breaks into uncontrollable laughter at the sight of an elderly relative slipping and falling. She does spend some quality time in Julie's bedroom, crying over pictures and mementos, but the audience knows so little about Julie that sharing in the grief is impossible.

Sutherland plays low-life Doob convincingly: he collects girlie magazines, looks like his finger-

nails are permanently dirty, litters and pours hot coffee on stray dogs. Apparently he commits crime because he enjoys it, since the film presents no other explanation. Doob is as easy to hate as the role is to play. Sutherland may be believable, but it's hardly an Academy Award-winning portrayal of a hardened criminal. Anthony Hopkins he's not.

The rest of the cast can go pretty much without mention. Ed Harris plays Karen's husband Mack. He is appropriately mistrusting of his wife when he discovers Karen has been sneaking around to go to the firing range and self-defense classes. The rest of the time he is sweet and supportive and a virtual non-entity. Joe Mantegna plays Sgt. DeNillo in a blending of all the good-hearted but easily forgettable captains on the many police dramas on television from 9 to 10 p.m. this season.

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As Karen begins plotting Doob's demise, Eye for an Eye becomes ridiculously farfetched. The loving wife, doting mother and serious careerwoman becomes a junior detective, following Doob on his deliveries for his job at the grocery store and noting his daily routine in her Filofax. This woman who never took a risk in her life breaks into the murderer's apartment. Her actions are dangerous and amateurish, especially next to those of a cold, calculating criminal. Sally Field lacks the reckless attitude of a person driven over the

In the end, it's Karen, not Doob, who turns out to be the smart one. Never having been programmed to care though, the audience is apathetic about the long-awaited serving of justice. They are just grateful it's the end.

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SPOTH GFT

Blame the blizzard on this writer

BY JESSICA GLASSER HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature is listening. She is not sitting idly by, throwing in some inclement inconveniences on a whim. Her actions are well thought out. There is no fury greater than that of a woman scorned and this writer has taken one shot too many at the one in charge of the weather.

With that in mind, allow me to accept full responsibility for the Blizzard of '96. While it may seem outlandish for one person to claim such a dubious honor, it is the unfortunate truth.

Since I first arrived in Washington, the winters have been the worst I've ever encountered, and I've witnessed all kinds. Time and again I have explained, to anyone who will listen, that the city suffers from its location. "It never snows!" I said. People here don't understand what winter really is when all it takes is some sleet and ice to shut down their city, I insisted. Go to Boston and experience a real winter, none of this piddly

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So, Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, chose to prove me wrong. The only problem was that she didn't seem to know where I was. Sitting in Tucson, Ariz., I laughed at the pictures on the nightly news of the storm I narrowly escaped.

Next, on to Boston where the local news babbled about upcoming storms. I took it all in stride as the same New England winter weather I had endured since I was 13.

But then it happened. A word caught my ear. Not "blizzard" or "nor'easter." The word was Washington. My friendly weatherman was not speaking of the ills to befall the banks of the river Charles. He spoke of the Potomac's shores. For a seasoned Boston weatherman to sound astounded at the conditions in the District, I knew the situation must be serious.

The problem turned out to be much greater than it originally seemed. I watched the news with renewed interest, as I was set to leave for Washington the following morning. Suddenly, revelation

appeared in the form of a weather radar map. The storm was moving up the coast, gathering strength, heading for Boston. Cities up and down the eastern seaboard were preparing for a big one.

I admit, I laughed a little. Weathermen are not renowned for calling big ones. Usually, there are a few inches, some plane delays and life goes on. But it was not to be. Mother Nature heard my theories and decided to prove me wrong. She looked for me, starting in Washington. When she discovered I hid in the north, she went there.

Needless to say, I did not leave Boston on Sunday.

When I finally reached Washington, it was Thursday, on the last plane to land in the District for another two days due to Mother Nature's next wave of revenge.

As advice, do not tempt Mother Nature to prove that she listens to what you say. Acknowledge that you are no match for her power and that she will conquer you in the end. Please don't instigate a tsunami or typhoon.

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University combats winter wonders

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Some heard the blizzard was coming and headed to the store beforehand. Resident assistant Tabona Dabutha, a native of South Africa, was shocked by what he saw when he went to the Safeway market at the Watergate.

market at the Watergate.

"They had no bread, they had no eggs, and they had no milk. There were people actually fighting, physically, in the Safeway. One guy took the last three loaves of bread, and another guy thought that was unfair and they started arguing. Then it got a little out of hand and they had to be separated by a secunity guard," Dabutha said.

Boredom was another battle that people stuck on campus had to fight. Malls, stores and restaurants in the area were closed. GW student Scott Raab returned to the District early to work on Capitol Hill, but because of the blizzard, got the week off. He fought off boredom by cleaning his apartment and going for walks in the snow.

"By Monday I was just too antsy to sit around anymore, so I went to

take a walk. I noticed what looked to be two GW housekeeping women outside Munson Hall shoveling a walk. They had a spare shovel and I was bored so I picked it up and started shoveling with them. I was there from 1:30 to 5:00 ... I was just bored," Raab said.

The Blizzard of '96 not only left people stranded in the District, but also left students upable to get

The Blizzard of '96 not only left people stranded in the District, but also left students unable to get back to school. Airports up and down the East Coast were closed, leaving many GW students stuck at home or forced to endure long, delay-filled trips back.

Senior Becky Lerman planned to come back the day the snow started, but like thousands of other travelers that day, her flight was canceled. Instead of waiting at the airport in Chicago for the snow to subside, she decided to take a flight on Thursday.

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"I knew that D.C. wouldn't be prepared for anything until Thursday so I opted to come back later. I knew that if I tried to get back earlier it would be a horrible, horrible venture," Lerman said.

University combats SA hits the books with shopping trip

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age freshmen to consider other alternatives besides the bookstore for buying their books," Petron said. "Sometimes students can find books at prices that are half of what the GW Bookstore charges."

Petron gave as an example a GW class entitled "American Drama" that requires more than 20 separate books, most of which are plays. Petron said students can find those titles and others at stores such as Borders Books and Music and Super Crown for as much as 30 percent off the cover price, cheaper than

the Bookstore.

Petron added that students may even be able to find some text book titles, in addition to books used in English and literature classes.

The shopping trip will be Saturday, Jan. 20, and will leave the Marvin Center at noon from the ground floor lobby. Petron said he expects the trip will go to Borders Books and Music on L Street N.W., Super Crown and Second Story Books, both on Dupont Circle, and other area book stores. Students should come with a list of the books they will need for the semester.

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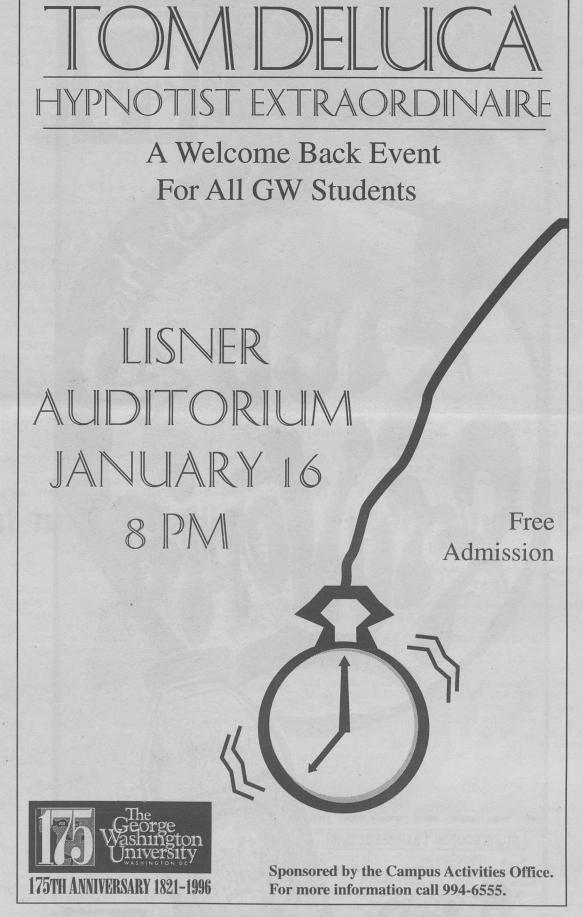
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SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEF

Three elected to GW Athletic Hall of Fame

Three former GW athletes have been elected to the GW Athletic Hall of Fame. Bino Barreira (class of 1953), Marc Heyison ('84) and Michelle Knox Zaloom ('86) will be inducted in a ceremony Feb. 2.

Barreira earned six letters in football and baseball from 1950-53 and earned all-conference honors in

both sports.

Heyison was a three-year letter winner in baseball from 1981-83. In 1983, he was ranked fifth in the country in batting and second in triples

Zaloom earned seven letters in volleyball and crew at GW from 1982-86. She was an all-conference selection in volleyball for the 1984-85 season.

-Matt Bonesteel



BY JIM GERAGHTY

When the basketball season began, the Colonials were described as an eccentric combination of local and international talent. Prognosticators agreed head coach Mike Jarvis' team had great individuals, but questions remained about whether GW's lack of a proven ball-handler would hinder the effect of the Colonials' offensive weapons.

Perhaps the last piece of this season's puzzle fell into place for GW when

Perhaps the last piece of this season's puzzle fell into place for GW when Shawnta Rogers, the diminutive 5-3 point guard from Baltimore, Md., finally joined the team and settled into the GW offense.

Rogers signed with GW May 4, but he failed to meet the NCAA academic eligibility requirements. This fall, Rogers took the SAT again, and qualified to attend GW for the spring semester.

Rogers averaged 24.2 points at Lake Clifton High School, and is frequently compared to Muggsy Bogues, the NBA's most popular little man. His tiny stature made some other prominent basketball schools pass on him, but in this young season Rogers has done his best to ensure that those other but in this young season Rogers has done his best to ensure that those other universities regret their decision.

He made his debut with the Colonials at the Sacramento Holiday Classic Dec. 27, and GW fans could not have asked for a better Christmas present. Rogers made an immediate impact with 14 points, seven assists, and five rebounds. He was named the Atlantic 10 rookie of the week Dec. 30.

Rogers has energized the Colonial attack since his debut. In each game this year, he has had some outstanding achievement thought near-impossible for an undersized freshman. Beside his nerves of steel performance at the foul line against the University of Idaho, Rogers was two shy of the school assist record at Duquesne, where he dished 13 in his first starting

He topped that by flirting with a triple-double against the St. Bonaventure defense. Rogers was second on the team in scoring with 18 points, led the team with 10 assists and eight rebounds. Against a tough Missouri offense, he snuck away with eight steals, 10 points and seven

"What you're seeing is the making of a very special player, one who will be a favorite of the fans and a headache for opposing coaches," Jarvis said after the St. Bonaventure game. "That he's capable of triple-doubles is extraordinary. But with Shawnta, nothing would surprise me.

More than 1,500 dedicated Colonial fans braved the snowdrifts and freezing temperatures to catch their first glimpse of GW's point guard of the future and another stellar 25-point performance by the resurgent Kwame

"I felt like I was wanted. I was happy," Rogers said of his debut before the

No matter what the rest of the season holds, Rogers has already demonstrated to Colonial fans and opposing defenses that big things come in small



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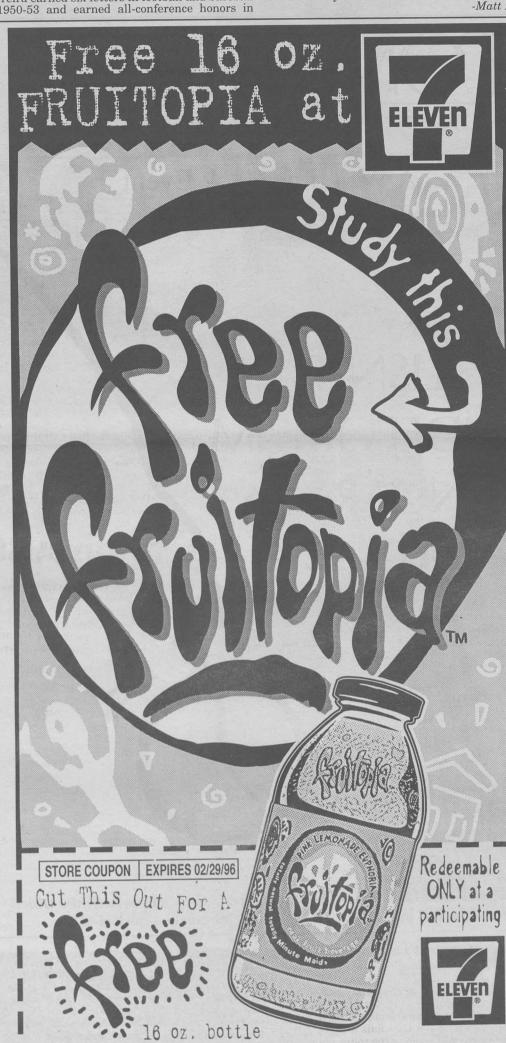




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GW women avoid storm, rebound to 8-5, 2-1 in A-10

BY MATT BONESTEEL ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

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While many students were home shoveling the driveway or stuck inside playing Yahtzee, the GW women's basketball team was traveling to warmer areas of the continent to play in out-of-conference tournaments.

The Colonial Women also opened Atlantic 10 conference play over the break. The heat must have helped as GW went 6-3 while everyone was away. The team now stands at 8-5, 2-1 in the A-10.

GW 79, Virginia Tech 58

The Colonial Women returned to he Smith Center for the first time in more than a month Saturday night to face Virginia Tech. They were not a welcome host, as GW blew away the Hokies 79-58.

Lisa Cermignano had the hot hand as she hit four three-pointers on her way to 20 points. Tajama Abraham was a force inside as she pulled down 12 rebounds while scoring 14 points. Myriah Lonergan added 17 points for the Colonial Women.

"Lisa's three-pointers took the steam out of Virginia Tech," said head coach Joe McKeown, who added that his starters "showed good leadership on the floor."

GW 75, Dayton 69

The Colonial Women recorded their first conference victory of the season by posting a 75-69 win at Dayton. The game remained close until the final five minutes when and nine boards. GW went on a 12-2 run to seal the

Cermignano nailed four threepoint shots on her way to a teamhigh 18 points. Freshman Mandisa Turner, who has stepped her play up a notch, added 17 points and Lonergan scored 14 for the Colonial Women.

Xavier 77, GW 70

GW opened their A-10 conference play by traveling to Cincinnati to face conference newcomer Xavier, losing 77-70. After a great first half in which the Colonial Women led 37-25, GW fell apart in the second half. Xavier went on a 13-6 run in the final minutes to put the game away.

Abraham notched her 1,000th career point and 500th career rebound on her way to a game-high 25 points. Turner and Cermignano chipped in 12 points each.

Lady Gator Classic GW 70, BC 67 Florida 57, GW 44

The Colonial Women traveled to another warm-weather spot to play in the Lady Gator Classic in Gainesville, Fla.

In the opening round game, Amy Atcher nailed two free throws with six seconds left in overtime to seal a 70-67 GW victory over Boston

Cermignano led the way for the Colonial Women by tying her career-

In the championship game of the tournament, GW fell to host Florida 57-44. The Colonial Women led 22-20 at halftime, but couldn't hold the lead. Shooting and turnovers were GWs downfall, as the team shot just 30.5 percent from the field and committed 25 turnovers.

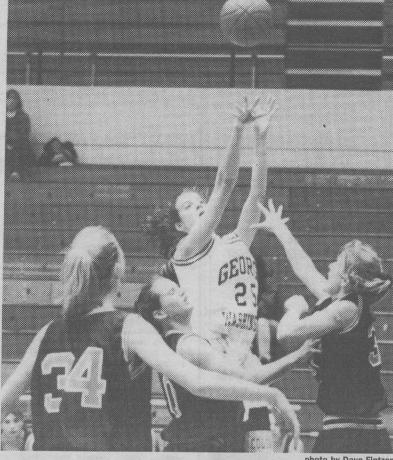
Cermignano was the only player in double-digits for GW, scoring 16 points. She was named to the alltournament team.

San Juan Shootout Puerto Rico 85, GW 78 SMU 73, GW 59 GW 69, Kansas St. 45

The Colonial Women were riding a four-game winning streak as they traveled to sunny Puerto Rico for the San Juan Shootout, but the streak was not to last.

Southern Methodist University outmuscled GW on the way to a 73-59 victory. SMU outrebounded the Colonial Women 50-29, as GW could manage two offensive rebounds. Lonergan led the team with 17 points, and Abraham added

The Colonial Women returned to their winning ways two days later as they defeated Kansas State University 69-45 to finish the tournament in fifth place. An 18-4 run by GW to open the second half was the difference in the game. Cermignano led the Colonial Women with 21 points, and Abraham added 14 points and six



Myriah Lonergan puts up a shot in traffic against Virginia Tech in GW's 79-58 victory.

round of the tournament, losing 85-

George Washington Invitational GW 71, St. Francis (Pa.) 54 GW 72, Colorado St. 67

In the first round game, GW opened on a 9-0 run and didn't look high with 21 points. Lonergan added 18 points and eight rebounds, and Abraham contributed 16 points and eight rebounds.

GW also took on the Puerto back as they overpowered St. Rican National Team in the first Francis (Pa.) College 71-54.

Abraham paced the Colonial Women with 17 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocks. Long-range threat Cermignano had four three-pointers

on her way to a 15-point night.

GW took on Colorado State
University in the final round game of the tournament. Tournament MVP Abraham scored 28 in leading the Colonial Women to a 72-67 vic-

Colonials win 6 straight before falling to Tigers on ABC



photo by Dave Fintzen ^{he hot} play of freshman forward Yegor Mescheriakov has helped the Colonials earn eight wins this year.

(from p. 1) GW 87, St. Bonaventure 78

Jarvis earned his 100th win as a GW coach Tuesday night in the aftermath of the worst blizzard of the century. Rogers was as hot as it was cold outside, and burned an overmatched Bonnie defense for 18 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds.

A late rally by St. Bonaventure caught the GW defense flat footed, and the Bonnies cut a 25-point lead to six with three minutes left. Despite the last-minute efforts of SBU, GW held on and Rogers hit late

foul shots to wrap up the victory. Although he was displeased with the team's defensive performance, Jarvis said the game was excellent preparation for Missouri. "The team is not where I want it on defense. On offense, we're set, but not on defense. But we're gonna get there," Jarvis said. "This should not have been a basketball game. This should have been a rout."

GW 87, Duquesne 59

Jarvis received his 200th career win at Duquesne in GW's first A-10 game of the season. The Dukes featured a new look under new coach Scott Edgar, but the result was the same as many of Duquesne's recent efforts against GW. Evans set a school record with eight three-pointers against Duquesne and had a season-high 30 points.

GW 84, Idaho 83

GW outlasted the University of Idaho Vandals in a double overtime thriller. This game tested the endurance for the Colonials, as the game finally ended at 11:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The win gave GW the Sacramento Holiday Classic championship, although the Colonials did not get to play the other prominent team in the tournament, the Dukes of Old Dominion University. Evans was named to the all-tournament team and Mescheriakov took home the most valuable player trophy.

The timely arrival of Rogers made the difference in the game. He scored 18 points, 9 of them in the second overtime. In the closing seconds of regulation, he demonstrated remarkable poise under pressure, when he was fouled on a drive and sank two free throws with 1.2 seconds left to put the game into overtime.

GW 98, Cal. St.-Sacramento 81

Jones led the Colonials in both points (21) and rebounds (8) as the GW offense exploded for its highest point total of the year. Freshman sensation Mescheriakov added 20 points on 10-12 shooting from the field. The game also marked the debut of Rogers, who made an immediate impact with 14 points, seven assists, and five rebounds. In the first game of the Sacramento Holiday Classic, GW set tournament records by shooting .578 from the field and handing out 26 assists.

GW 71, South Florida 69

The ThunderDome Shootout tournament was held in St. Petersburg, Fla., technically a neutral site. But GW might as well have been on the University of South Florida campus, as the Bulls fans vastly outnumbered the Colonials backers.

The Bulls, riding a stingy defense and stellar play by guard Chucky Atkins, took a nine-point lead at halftime. Although Koul fouled out in the second half, he was the team's emotional leader for much of the game, going 8-8 from the field and leading the Colonials with 22 points and 6 rebounds.

When Koul fouled out, Mescheriakov and Williams were able to pick up the slack inside and make the important baskets and rebounds. Jones hit a crucial 12-foot jumper with a minute left to give GW its first lead in the second half. As time ran out, Atkins couldn't get past Andrei Krivonos and missed a last second three-point shot, giving GW perhaps its gutsiest win of the season.

-Matt Osborne contributed to this report.

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